

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1142

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A RESOLUTION to honor Coach David Ellis of Maryville High School on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in paying tribute to an outstanding football coach who, through hard work and commitment, has distinguished himself among the storied coaches and legendary high school football programs of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, David Ellis of Maryville High School is one such legendary football coach who has recently announced he will be taking a much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, a coach and educator for forty years in the states of Georgia and Tennessee, Mr. Ellis has taught a variety of scholastic subjects, including science, driver's education, and physical education; he also held a position as a high school guidance counselor; and

WHEREAS, he has been a member of the faculty and staff at Maryville High School for the past twenty-five years; Coach Ellis's career path includes service as an assistant coach, head coach, and athletic director; and

WHEREAS, most recently the offensive line coach for the powerhouse Maryville Rebels football team, Coach Ellis has coached 503 games in his football coaching career, including 353 at Maryville High School; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at Maryville, Coach Ellis and the Rebels secured an exemplary 322 victories in 353 games and an amazing thirteen state championships, winning the deep respect of every football pundit in the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, under Coach Ellis's inspired leadership, the Maryville Rebels have always played as a team, working together like cogs in a machine, as each player has sacrificed personal achievement to accomplish team goals; and

WHEREAS, deeply committed to excellence on and off the gridiron, Coach David Ellis has always sought to bring out the best in each and every player, both as a student and an athlete; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Coach David Ellis is most appreciative of the love and support of his wife, Deca; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud David Ellis for his outstanding football coaching career at Maryville High School; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Coach David Ellis of Maryville High School as an outstanding member of Tennessee's legendary coaching fraternity and extend to him our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.